



## 02/28 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SHELTER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Planning forum responsible for developing and evaluating the implementation of the Winter Plan and coordinating shelter-related topics.

<b>Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> 28 February 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 pm	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex Link</a>
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Participants:</b> 48	<b>Organizations:</b> 22	Detailed list below meeting notes
<b>Key</b>	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Areas of Concern or Risk	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Opportunities for Improvement Underutilized Resources	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Progress to Celebrate Trends in the Right Direction

### I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

ICH Executive Director, Theresa Silla, Co-Chairs Reginald Black (PFFC/CEWG/Serve Your City), and Tony Newman (Deputy FSA Administrator, DHS) opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and kicked off the icebreaker of celebrating Black History Month by highlighting the 2023 nominees to the Full ICH Council and specifically those who identify as Black.

Reference Materials		
<b>PPT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Agenda</li> <li>Icebreaker Celebrating Black History Month and ICH Full Council 2023 Nominees</li> <li>Intro &amp; Call for Announcements</li> <li>Adopting Notes &amp; Managing the Listserv and</li> <li>Notes on Welcome &amp; Agenda Review</li> </ul>	3-6

### II. HYPOTHERMIA DEBRIEF & CLOSE-OUT PLANNING

Two topics were discussed under Hypothermia Debrief and Close-Out Planning: 1) DHS Updates on Alerts & Overflow Close-Out and 2) ICH Mid-Season Review Underway.

#### A. DHS UPDATES ON ALERTS & OVERFLOW CLOSE-OUT

Quin Grier (DHS) shared DHS hypothermia season updates and close-out schedule for overflow locations.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slides 15-16. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Positive feedback around shelters working with transitional housing partners in assisting individuals exiting shelters. CCNV is willing to partner and support the effort.
- ■ Concerns about the number of beds to close by the end of the season, especially given the number of migrants accessing shelter beds across the system.
- ■ Discussion on guidance for administering the VI-SPDAT, and capacity in shelters to do so.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHS Hypothermia Updates- ERSO</li> <li>• Alert Totals as of 2-26-2024</li> <li>• Men’s Overflow Closing Dates</li> <li>• Women’s Overflow Closing Dates</li> <li>• Impact of Overflow Close-Out on Shelter Capacity</li> <li>• Action Steps to Closing Sites.</li> </ul>	9-14

## B. ICH MID-SEASON REVIEW UNDERWAY

Theresa introduced the purpose, background, and context of the mid-season review.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 22. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Appreciation for the tool to assist in tracking emerging concerns and trends.
- Concerns that completing the matrix is time-consuming and may not capture all of the fast-moving changes that take place during the hypothermia season.
- ■ Recommendations were made to track weather-related hospital admissions.
- It was noted that all cold weather injuries admitted into the hospital system are not homeless individuals.

**Next Steps:** ICH is requesting additional feedback, especially from the ERSO Voting Slate, by email to [ich.info@dc.gov](mailto:ich.info@dc.gov)

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the Mid-Season Review</li> <li>• Scope of the Mid-Season Review</li> <li>• Key Discussion Questions</li> </ul>	18-20

## C. ERSO VOTING SLATES

Theresa provided background on the previous ERSO voting slate from 2020 and what updates will be taking place. There was no specific feedback or concerns.

Reference Materials

PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background on ERSO Voting Slates</li> <li>• ERSO CMTE Leadership (Voting) Slates</li> <li>• Notes about Updating the Voting Slate</li> </ul>	23-25
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### III. DISCUSSION

The discussion focused on Advancing Priorities and Projects for the ERSO Committee.

#### A. ADVANCING PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

Theresa introduced proposed Deliverables, Milestones and Metrics related to the ERSO Committee’s established Priorities and Projects.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slides 35-37. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Recommendations to include consideration and planning for other weather events, such as air quality and high winds in seasonal planning.
- ■ Concern about the delays in the housing process and how many clients are matched but still residing in shelter.
- Emphasis on coordinating with HSEMA for updates to the Heat Plan, including ensuring their attendance at ERSO meetings.
- ■ Recommendations for creating backup safe havens during inclement weather.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose &amp; Background</li> <li>• Work Plan Components &amp; Expectations</li> <li>• *Reminder* Priorities for ERSO CMTE               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seasonal Planning</li> <li>○ Adopting a Performance Framework</li> <li>○ Supporting Triage to Appropriate Crisis Response</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review the Work Led by the WGs</li> </ul>	28-34

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Theresa briefly highlighted announcements and reminders from across the CoC.

Reference Materials		
PPT	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Council Performance Oversight Hearings Schedule</li> <li>• DC Office of Planning: Downtown Coffee Chats</li> <li>• DHS Central Unit Repository</li> <li>• Mayor Bowser: Annual Budget Engagement Forums</li> </ul>	38-46

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSSE: New Funding for District’s Advanced Technical Center</li> <li>• TCP: Open Positions Announcement</li> <li>• TGI: NOFO Reviewers</li> </ul>	
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**VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT**

Theresa adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the Full Council meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the March ERSO meeting date.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	Date: 27 March 2024	Time: 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: <a href="#">Webex Link</a>
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Participant List		
Ms. Umi (CEWG)	Kalifia Ka-lee-fee-a Thomas (COH)	Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG)
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Kelly Andreae (GMC)	Ronnie Stanley (Central Union Mission)
Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)	Lauren Markovich (TCP)	Russell McDowell (N St Village)
Annette Lee (DBH)	Lynn Amano (FP)	Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
Anthony Newman (DHS)	Marissa Oden (FP)	Samantha LeBlanc (TCP)
Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities)	Marquita Smith (DHS)	Theresa Silla (ICH)
Catherine Crosland (Unity)	Damien McDuffie (DHS)	Tyrell McQueen (TCP)
Chris Pitocchelli (Friendship Place)	Melanie Minges (DHS)	Veronica Fabani (Catholic Charities)
Christian Howard (DHS)	Michael Ferrell (DCCFH)	William Kuennen (DHS)
Cornell Kinard (DHS)	Michelle Diaz (LAYC)	Krysta Aguilar (DHS)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Nora Scully (Concerned Citizen)	Nikila Smith (Street Sense)
Emil Pauling (DHS)	Novella Brown-White (UPO)	Queenie Featherstone (PFFC/CEWG)
Frances Matovu (Community Connections)	Qaadir El-Amin (PFFC/CEWG)	Reggie black (Serve Your City)
Fernanda Huffman (LAYC)	Quin Grier (DHS)	Rico Harris (CCNV)
Ilana Marmon (VA)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC)	Sierra Barnedo (SMYAL)
Jill Carmichael (ICH)	Ray Walker (Community Connections)	
	Rebecca Kellett (GMC)	